



President's Message March 2009

I hope everyone enjoyed the entertaining meeting in February. This month's demonstrator will be Frank Bowers.

The American Craft Council Show is Friday, March 13 - 15 at the Cobb Galleria Centre. There should be several woodturners participating in this event.

Mark your calendars--The Club is planning a picnic at the McCravy's house in Douglasville Saturday, May 16. Tentative plans are to start at 12:00 PM with the meal at 1:00 PM and ending whenever. There will be several lathes available and we will need some demonstrators. If you are interested in volunteering to demonstrate on this day, please contact one of the board members. We need all that are planning to attend to RSVP to 770-949-6372 so ample food can be provided. This is a family function so spouses & significant others are invited. Bring your folding chairs.

Please renew your GAW membership by the March 31 to continue receiving the newsletter.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting this month.

Danny

Things of Interest to Members

Ray Key demo hosted by CCW

I'm Bill Van Wie, the Secretary of the Classic City Woodturners in Athens for 2009. We are having Ray Key, an internationally renowned woodturner, addressing the many considerations involved in turning artistic boxes and containers. It will be an all-day demo on Saturday, March 21st, 2009. Except for dues paid CCW members, admission will be \$15, payable at the door. Bring your own lunch and a comfortable chair. Additional information is in the attached PDF file, or on our website, <http://www.classiccitywoodturners.com/>. Members from area clubs are welcome! If you have members who are interested, please drop me an email by Monday, March 16th, so that we can make sure we have enough chairs, etc.

Bill VW.

"Day at the Lathe"

The Southern Piedmont Woodturners presents the fourth annual "Day at the Lathe" 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM Saturday April 4 at the Davis Theater in the Historic Courthouse, 65 Union Street S, Concord, NC. the featured demonstrators are Dave Barriger---Elevated Vessels, Phil Colson---Fantasy, and Chris Ramsey---Natural Edge. For details and mail-in pre-registration form visit WWW.spwoodturners.org to pre-register on line, map, and full details. Cost is \$60.00 including lunch with the turners or \$50.00 without lunch. After March 25, \$75.00 with lunch or \$65.00 without lunch. Spend the day with us and renew old friendships and make new friends.

Barry Russell
Program Director
Southern Piedmont Woodturners

Newsletter input request

Roger Sword – Newsletter Editor editor@gawoodturner.org
Any newsletter to be published is only as good as input received. Therefore, I solicit members input (Articles, News items, suggestions, etc.) to make this newsletter serve GAW members as a form of communication. I want woodturning articles, tips, product reviews and any other building blocks of content that you may have to share. Contact the editor at the above email address

Upcoming Club Activities

Dixie Biggs Hands-on

Dixie will hold hands-on sessions on April 16th and 17th at Nick Cooks' shop. Classes will be held provided at least six people sign up per class. Class size is limited to six to eight and cost will depend on how many sign up.

Subject matter, cost, materials required etc. are being worked out and will be emailed to club members as soon as they are finalized.

Turning Southern Style XV

GAW's 15th annual symposium will be held this year on Sept 18 - 20, 2009 at Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, GA. Featured turners include Bill Grumbine from Pennsylvania, Art Liestman from British Columbia, and Al Stirt from Vermont. Also demonstrating will be Nick Cook, Wes Jones, Joe Gettys, and Dave Barriger. Please visit the website for more info at www.gawoodturner.org/symposium.shtml or contact Harvey Meyer at symposium@gawoodturner.org.

Southern States IX Woodturning Symposium

To be held at the Georgia Mountains Conference Center in Gainesville, Ga on April 24-26, 2009. Information on the symposium can be found on Southern States web page at Southernstatesymposium.org. Brochures will be available at our March meeting.

GAW Club Demonstrator schedule

March - Frank Bowers

April - Dixie Biggs

May - Kim Winkle

June - Alan Hollar

July - Don Olsen

AAW SECTION

AAW Mailings to Georgia Association of Woodturners

Dear Danny McCravy and the Georgia Association of Woodturners,

Subject: Local Chapter information

This month messages from AAW are on varied topics. It is our hope that combining them in one email will be easier than receiving many communications. Please let us know your feedback or if you have topics you would like us to include in the emails. AAW has capacity to email AAW members by state. If your local chapter is having a major event such as a mini-symposium you would like to have sent to AAW members in your state, please send text in a word document to linda@woodturner.org. We are implementing this service in support of the local chapters of the AAW.

Bill Hakell
AAW Board President
bill@woodturner.org

Subject: Newsletter and Website contest for 2009

AAW has just released the rules for the Best AAW Chapter Newsletter and Best AAW Website contests for 2009. The rules for the two contests are listed at the link below. The closing date for both contests is March 31, 2009. The winners will be announced at the annual banquet at the symposium in Albuquerque June 27, 2009.

http://www.woodturner.org/community/chapters/chapter_contests_2009.htm

The board was in Albuquerque two weeks ago planning the symposium. The site is very nice with lots of room for demonstrations. The Instant Gallery and Trade Show have lots of space. The local AAW members are working hard to organize all the volunteers that it takes to make the symposium a success. Albuquerque would make a great destination trip to the beautiful Southwest (one way to bribe your wife). If you would like to volunteer during the symposium (room assistant, etc) please contact Linda at woodturner.org.

Dale Larson
Chairman Membership and Chapters Committee
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Subject: Volunteers for AAW symposium Auction

If you are planning on attending the AAW Symposium in Albuquerque June 26, 27, and 28th and would like to have a lot of fun at the EOG Auction at the banquet on Saturday night, please volunteer to be an auction spotter. We always have a huge crowd and need truly attentive and energetic spotters to make sure that we get all of the bids. Also if you or someone that you know that will be there has experience as a backup auctioneer, I would love to know about it. (You never know when an auctioneer may fall sick.)

If you can help, please send an email with your phone information to me at johnhill6@verizon.net.

John Hill - AAW Auctioneer and Auction committee chair
johnhill6@verizon.net

Subject: Matching Gifts

I believe that this presents a significant funding opportunity to the AAW and all its Chapters, which is particularly pertinent under these economic conditions. I'm the Program Chair for the Bay Area Woodturners (BAWA) and we recently had a member gift \$100 which was to be matched by his wife's employer. To the BAWA Board's knowledge this was the first time that any member had attempted this, so we did not know if it was possible. The employer required proof that BAWA is a registered Section 501(c)(3) non-profit, so I sent them BAWA's nonprofit corporate number (94-3285718) and a link to IRS Publication 78 at <http://www.irs.gov/app/pub-78/> which is a list of organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions. I simply typed in "Bay Area Woodturners" and the information popped up. This was sufficient proof for the employer to grant the \$100 matching gift, which we received shortly thereafter. I believe that AAW should explore this opportunity and if legitimate provide relevant information to the Chapter Officers and the general membership. AAW is registered with the IRS as a non-profit on IRS Publication 78; I simply typed in "American Association of Woodturners" and the information was there. I typed in "Woodturners" and only 25 AAW chapters were listed, but perhaps this would prompt them to welcome registered Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

J. Dean Adkins
BAWA VP Program Chair

DVD/Video Tape Library

The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW) has instructional videos available for rental before each GAW meeting. A full list of the videos is shown on our website. Only members may rent tapes and DVDs. Rentals are \$2.00 per month. Rentals are limited to 2 tapes or DVDs per month, and the items must be returned the following month. Late fees of \$2.00 per month will be assessed for each item not returned on time. New titles are being added every month!

Woodturning Schools

The following schools in the Southeast offer classes in woodturning, as well as other arts and crafts. Check out their websites to see the scheduled course offerings.

John C. Campbell Folk School www.folkschool.org

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts www.arrowmont.org

Highland Woodworking www.highlandwoodworking.com

Appalachian Center for Crafts www.tntech.edu/craftcenter

Dogwood Institute School of Fine Woodworking www.dogwoodwoodworking.com

Woodturning Instructors

The following GAW club members give private woodturning instruction in their own shops. Contact them for more information.

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